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This communication is responsive to the Office action dated 6 July 1999. A two-month extension of time accompanies this communication, making this a timely-filed paper.

## In the Claims

In line 1 of claim 1, please change "herein" to -- wherein --.

Please add the following new claims:

--57. A granule comprising a protein core comprising a protein matrix, wherein the protein matrix comprises a protein mixed together with a binder and a structuring agent.

58. The granule of claim 57, wherein said protein comprises an enzyme.